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STATE 139804; B) COLOMBO 3848

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD:

A) WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM AND SPONSORSHIP BY COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU7S DRUG ADVISORS PROGRAM, THREE SRI LANKA NARCOTICS AND ANTI-SMUGGLING OFFICIALS HELD BILATERAL TALKS WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS IN NEW DELHI AND MADRAS SEPT 8 THROUGHT 13. DECISIONS MADE IN TALKS, IF FULLY IMPLEMENTED, TO EXCHANGE FREQUENTLY NARCOTICS AND SMUGGLING CONTROL INFO, TO REPORT NARCOTICS SEIZURES, TO TRY TO IDENTIFY MAJOR TRAFFICKERS, AND TO HOLD FURTHER BILATERAL TALKS TWICE YEARLY SHOULD HELP BOTH GOVTS REDUCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FLOW OF INDIAN OPIUM TO SRI LANKA.

B) ON DEC 20, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE ANNOUNCED THAT REGIONAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE UNITS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AT KANKESANTURAI, NORTHERN PROVINCE, AND IN THE GANJA-GROWING WELLAWAYA-EMBILIPITIYA AREA. PREVIOUSLY, FULL TIME NARCOTICS OFFICERS WERE ATTACHED ONLY TO THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU IN COLOMBO.

2. SRI LANKA RECEVIED NO DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR NARCOTICS APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. USG. THROUGH AID ALLOTMENT 522-52-383-00-69-51, PROVIDED 100,000 DOLLARS TO COVER ENTIRE COST OF EXTENSION OF COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DRUG ADVISORS PROGRAM. MAY 19 TO DEC 31, 1975. AS MENTIONED REF B, AT COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITEE MEETING HELD IN COLOMBO NOV 25 TO DEC 3, USG PLEDGED \$50,000 SUPPORT FOR THIS PROGRAM THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976, AND, SUBJECT AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, FINANCING THROUGH DEC 31, 1976. ALTHOUGH GSL RECEIVED NO CCINC (SECTION 482) FUNDS DURING REPORTING PERIOD, GSL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS BENEFITTED SINGIFICANTLY FROM PROXIMITY OF RESIDENT COLOMBO PLAN DRUG ADVISOR. PERKINS

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